

Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item Request

Meeting Date: 6/10/2013

Type: Work Session Discussion

Call to Podium:

Michele Potter, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture
Jim McGuire, Recreation & Parks Division Chief
Mark Scafide, Public Works Operations Superintendent

Agenda Item Title:

Presentation on the Synthetic Turf Field at Lakelands Park

Responsible Staff and Department:

Michele Potter, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Jim McGuire, Parks, Recreation and Culture
Mark Scafide, Public Works

Desired Outcome from Council:

Hear Presentation; Question & Answer

| Public Hearing History | |
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| Introduction Date: | |
| Advertisement Date : | |
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| Record Held Open Date: | |
| Policy Discussion Date: | |
| Anticipated Adoption Date: | |

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Supporting Background Information:

This presentation will cover:

- Information pertaining to the design and construction of the City's first synthetic turf field, located at Lakelands Park. Statistics, cost, safety, reliability, and durability will be included in the presentation.
- History of synthetic turf surfaces.
- Studies showing the safety of synthetic turf fields.
- Current use and conditions of the regulation soccer field at Lakelands Park.
- Benefits of a synthetic turf field.
- Proposed increased hours of use, field rentals, additional revenue, and lower maintenance costs.
- Design for the field, fencing and communication with Lakelands Park Middle School officials.
- Projected construction timeline, costs and estimated lifecycle of the field.
- Evaluation phase and future projects.
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The presentation will demonstrate that the City is advancing the use of playing fields while eliminating the need for fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and mowing. There will be less disruption to programs and schedules because of rainouts. Revenue is projected to increase through the aforementioned as well as additional programming and added rentals.

This fourth generation of artificial turf is far advanced from original designs in the 1960's and includes green technology as well as injury reducing materials and compression tests.